



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/670,438	09/25/2003	Lars Severinsson	03370-P0057A	5539

24126 7590 11/23/2004

ST. ONGE STEWARD JOHNSTON & REENS, LLC
986 BEDFORD STREET
STAMFORD, CT 06905-5619

EXAMINER

BUTLER, DOUGLAS C

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3683

DATE MAILED: 11/23/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

CS

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

10/670,438

EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

11192004

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

See Detailed Action

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 09/03/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

(A) How do new claims 15-16 define over the prior art? See 37 CFR 1.111.

(B) The subject matter of claim 1, the last three lines which recite "that the other code parts are one or more sliding parts in the form of a code rack, or a sleeve which is moved in a linear or one or more code wheels" is unclear in view of the alternative language. Is the sliding part being claimed? Is the "code rack" being claimed? Are the "code wheels" being claimed?

© If applicants intends for new claims 15-16 to cover the same subject matter as original claim 1 and amended claim 1, see MPEP 706.03(k) under the heading "Duplicate Claims" which states that "when two claims in an application are duplicates, or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other claim under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim."

It is noted that new claim 15 omits the "sliding parts" feature of original claim 1 and the "linear fashion" feature of original claim 1.

(D) Applicants should note that it is critical for the examiner to understand what applicants intend the claims to cover. The examiner directs applicant's attention to MPEP 706.07 which clearly states that applicant is entitled to a "full and fair hearing" on the issues dealing with patentability and that the issues should be clear between the examiner and applicant prior to appeal if possible. Also, MPEP 706.07 directs that

Art Unit: 3683

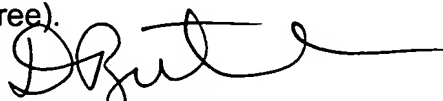
applicants as a class, the public, and the examiner should confine the prosecution to as few actions as possible in order to advance the prosecution which is consistent with current PTO policy. Before making a final decision on this application, the examiner encourages applicant to submit his comments in order for the examiner to make an intelligent decision on the issues dealing with patentability.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas C. Butler whose telephone number is 703-308-2575. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 5:30 am to 2pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



DOUGLAS C. BUTLER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

AU 3683

11-19-04